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USSR REVISES MACHINE BUILDING GOALS FOR 1954, 1955

To carry out the new, increased goals set forth in the decrees on the expansion of agriculture, USSR production of machines for animal husbandry in 1954 must be double the 1953 production of these machines. The 1954 production of machines for cultivating and harvesting potato and vegetable crops must be 4.3 times the 1953 production of these machines. In 1954, production of machines for animal husbandry, and for cultivating and harvesting potato and vegetable crops must equal the number of machines produced for this purpose during the 3 years preceding 1954. As compared with 1953 planned production, government plans for 1954 call for a 25-percent increase in the production of self-propelled mowers, a 210-percent increase in the production of tractor-drawn sweep rakes, an 80-percent increase in the production of pickup hay rickers, and a 160-percent increase in the production of hay stackers.

In 1954, it will be necessary to produce a large number of forage harvesters. The 1954 production of corn harvesting machines must be five times as great, and 1954 production of machines for mechanizing labor in vegetable growing must be three times as great as the 1953 production of these machines.

All potato machines to be produced in 1954 are of new design. It was not until 1953 that the production of machines for check-row potato planting began. The KKR-2 potato combines exist in experimental models only. New designs of seedling planters have been tested recently; 5,000 of these seedling planters must be produced in 1954.

Production of agriculture machines for animal husbandry and for potato and vegetable crops has been assigned to the Rostov-on-Don Rostsel'mash plant, the Gomel' Gomsel'mash Plant, the Lyubertsy Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni

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Ukhtomskiy, the Belinskiy Belinsksel'mash Plant, the Rostov-on-Don Krasnyy Aksay Plant, the Pervomaysk Agricultural Machine Building Plant, the Khar'kov Serp i Molot Plant, the Ryazan' Ryazsel'mash Plant, the Kirovograd Krasnaya Zvezda Plant, and others. The Main Administration of Agricultural Machine Building and these plants are working hard to organize the production of these machines to make absolutely sure that the 1954 production assignment is fulfilled.

The main problem of the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Agriculture Machine Building and of agricultural plants' design bureaus is to develop, in the very near future, designs for: a potato harvesting combine for work on heavy soil, a potato grader with mechanical loading and unloading devices, machines for harvesting cabbage and root vegetables and transporting devices for cabbage and root vegetables, vegetable planters, a haymower with a long cutter bar for the DT-54 tractor, a roller-type mower for the Belarus' tractor, and large-capacity pickup hay stackers. Designers of the Rostsel'mash Plant and the Taganrog Combine Plant must complete designs of individual units for the self-propelled and trailer-type grain combines. Designers of the Krasnaya Zvezda and the Krasnyy Aksay plants, together with members of the scientific research institute, must design check-row planters for industrial crops such as corn, sunflower, castor plant, etc., and must improve designs of cultivators and fertilizer attachments.

Between 1953 and 1955, designers of agricultural machines must develop 60 new basic models needed to mechanize completely the growing of grain, potatoes, and other vegetable crops, and for mechanizing tasks in animal husbandry.

Personnel of the Dnepropetrovsk Plant imeni K. V. Voroshilov must increase production of sugar beet harvesting combines. Designers of the Dnepropetrovsk Plant and the Minsk Motor Vehicle Plant must design loaders and unloaders for sugar beets as soon as possible.

Some plants, on which agricultural machine building plants depend for their supplies, fail regularly to deliver the necessary materials. The Novosibirsk Metallurgical Plant has not delivered sheet metal to the Tashsel'mash Plant or to the Khar'kov Tractor Plant for 3 months. The Makeyevka Metallurgical Plant was to deliver 400 tons of angle iron to the Gomel', Voronezh, Pervomaysk, and Rostov-on-Don Krasnyy Aksay agricultural machine building plants in August, but has arbitrarily postponed delivery until the end of September. The Zaporozhstal' Plant has been arbitrarily postponing deliveries of metal products to the Minsk Tractor Plant.

Glasmetallobyt (Main Administration for Sale of Metals), Ministry of Metallurgical Industry, postpones deliveries of metal rolled stock from one month to the next.

The 1954 output of plowing tractors will have to be double that of 1953, while 1955 output will have to be three times as great as that of 1953. The Main Administration of the Tractor Industry and the tractor plants will have to make rapid preparations for increasing the output of tractors, especially of plowing tractors. The Minsk Tractor Plant must immediately complete preparatory work and begin series production of Belarus' tractors without delay.

Production plans for the following products were not fulfilled in the first 9 months of 1953: grain combines, sugar-beet harvesting combines, potato planters, cultivators, and hay stackers. A number of plants did not fulfill their plans for producing tractors and tractor spare parts. Directors of these lagging enterprises must take measures to see that they fulfill the 1953 plan without fail.

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The Ministry of Machine Building is now taking steps to increase the output of spare parts for tractors and agricultural machines.

Glavlesosbyt (Main Administration of Timber Sales), Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry, should see that lumber is delivered to agricultural machine building plants on time, and that the lumber is of good quality and meets the specifications of the plants.

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